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Kosovo Honors Clinton With Statue

HERO'S WELCOME: Bill Clinton poses for a picture in Pristina, Kosovo, where a statue of the former president was unveiled Sunday. Clinton is considered a hero by ethnic Albanians for launching NATO's 1999 bombing campaign against Yugoslavia that stopped the Serbs' brutal crackdown on independence-seeking ethnic Albanians. ♦ **Warm Embrace:** Cold doesn't deter admirers | **Page 8**



Abdullah

Afghan Election Collapses

Rival to Karzai withdraws from runoff, citing fraud

KABUL | President Hamid Karzai was effectively handed a second five-year term Sunday when his only challenger dropped out of the race, and the Obama administration said it was prepared to work with the man it has previously criticized to combat corruption and confront the Taliban insurgency.

Former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah announced his decision to quit six days before the runoff election, after last-minute talks led by the U.S. and United Nations failed to produce a power-sharing agreement acceptable to Karzai, according to a Western diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

In an emotional speech, Abdullah told supporters that he could not accept a runoff led by the same Karzai-appointed election commission that managed the fraud-marred vote in August. The runoff was set for Saturday after U.N.-backed auditors annulled nearly a third of Karzai's votes as fakes.

Abdullah stopped short of calling on supporters to boycott the polls — a move U.S. officials feared would have inflamed tensions. He also urged his followers "not to go into the streets" to protest the election.

"The people have the right to have a fair election," Abdullah said. "But this election was a failure." HEIDI VOGT, ROBERT H REID (AP)

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INDUSTRY

Recession-Proof Automotive Job Is Discovered

Tennessee police say a mechanic tampered with parked cars, then charged to help start them. Police arrested Christopher Walls of Johnson City on Thursday. Investigators say Walls disabled cars parked at restaurants, waited for the owners to try to start them and then offered his services as a mechanic, charging between \$40 and \$200. (AP)

HIGHER ED

Whatev — We're All In Debt to a College

A woman mistakenly tipped \$29,387 by the University of Notre Dame in her catering paycheck will return more than half of the money in \$50 monthly payments over the next 28 years. Notre Dame sued Sara Gaspar of Granger, Ind., to return the money because she should have been paid only \$29.87. Gaspar has said she tried three times to tell Notre Dame about the overpayment, but university staffers didn't return her calls. (AP)



BOB CARE/FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU VIA GETTY IMAGES

IT'S OVER!

Until Next Year, Pumpkins

You'd better clip and save this page because we're not running another pumpkin photo until next October, when the vicious cycle of pumpkin-related stunts begins anew. Here, a diver carves a jack-o'-lantern Friday in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo. The annual underwater pumpkin carving contest, now in its 12th year, requires contestants to work beneath 30 feet of water. (EXPRESS)



FAST FOOD

'Do You Want to Supersize Whatever The Heck That Was?'

Four Utah teenagers who rapped their order at a McDonald's drive-through ended up with citations from the police for disorderly conduct. The teens said they were imitating a popular video on YouTube. They rapped their order, beginning with, "I need a double cheeseburger and hold the lettuce." Employees told the teens they needed to order or leave. When they didn't leave, the manager called the police. (AP)

JUDGMENT

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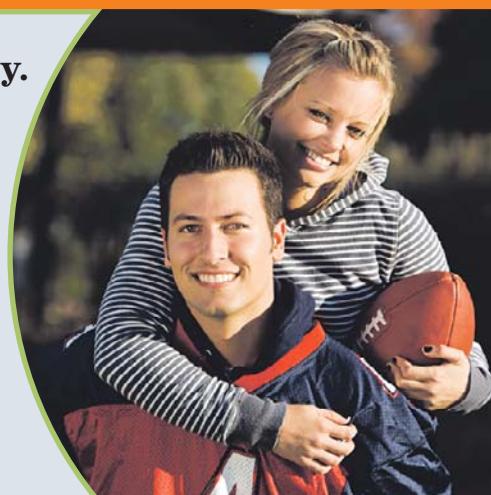
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In Brief

PEORIA, ARIZ.

Man Who Allegedly Drove Over Family to Be Charged

An Iraqi immigrant accused of running down his daughter with his car because she was becoming "too Westernized" was returned to Arizona Saturday to face aggravated assault charges. Faleh Almaleki was arrested Thursday when he arrived at



Almaleki

Atlanta's airport, sent from the United Kingdom after authorities denied him entrance. He is accused of striking and then running over his daughter, 20, and her boyfriend's mother with his Jeep Oct. 20. They remain hospitalized. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO

Reopening of Bay Bridge Remains in Question

There's still no word yet when the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be open to traffic again. California Department of Transportation spokesman Bart Ney said Sunday morning that crews were still conducting stress tests and modification work. The bridge has been closed since Tuesday night after two rods and a crossbar failed, sending 5,000 pounds of metal into rush hour traffic. (AP)

Vaccine's Safety Under Scrutiny

Independent advisers to monitor side effects of H1N1 inoculations

WASHINGTON | Independent health advisers begin monitoring safety of the swine flu vaccine on Monday, an extra step the government promised in this year's unprecedented program to watch for possible side effects.

Decades of safe influenza inoculations mean specialists aren't expecting problems with the swine flu vaccine, because it's made the same way as the regular winter flu vaccine. But systems to track the health of millions of Americans are being tapped to make sure — to spot any real problems quickly, and to explain the inevitable false alarms when common disorders coincide with inoculation.

U.S. health officials have spotted no concerns to date, said Dr. Bruce Gellin, head of the National Vaccine Program Office.

A specially appointed working group of independent experts will track the vaccine's safety, too. Although the group will deliber-



A nurse administers the swine flu vaccine in the form of a nasal spray to Sophia Orris, 5, last week in Chester Springs, Pa.

ate in private meetings starting Monday, its charge is to raise a red flag if members think the feds miss anything.

"Given the rapidity with which this particular vaccine was rolled out, there seems to be an extra-special obligation to make sure things remain as uncomplicated

as they have in the past," said Dr. Marie McCormick of the Harvard School of Public Health, who chairs the group.

Vaccinations against the H1N1 strain have begun more slowly than officials had hoped, with long lines for the nearly 27 million doses divided among the U.S. so far.

While vaccine side effects always are monitored, the H1N1 inoculations are getting extra scrutiny in part because the last mass vaccinations against a very different swine flu, in 1976, were marred by reports of a rare paralyzing condition, Guillain-Barre syndrome. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)



SEARCHES Obnoxious Ringtone Proves Worth A determined Colorado man found his missing cell phone at a trash dump after dialing the number and listening for the ring. Billy Boyd says he dropped the phone Tuesday while raking his yard and unknowingly scooped it into a bag. He says he didn't realize his mistake until after he left the leaves at a recycling center. After a half-hour of dialing, listening and sifting at the dump, Boyd found his phone. Landfill manager Chris Hoofnagle says it's the first time he can remember anyone finding a lost item there. (AP)



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Lender CIT Files Chapter 11

Goverment is likely to lose \$2.3B used to prop up the company

WASHINGTON | After struggling for months to avert bankruptcy, lender CIT Group has filed for Chapter 11 protection in an attempt to restructure its debt while trying to keep badly needed loans flowing to thousands of mid-sized and small businesses.

CIT made the filing in New York bankruptcy court Sunday, after a debt-exchange offer to bondholders failed. CIT said in a statement that its bondholders overwhelmingly opted for a prepackaged reorganization plan, which will reduce

total debt by \$10 billion while allowing the company to continue to do business.

The Chapter 11 filing is one of the biggest in U.S. corporate history, following Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual, WorldCom and General Motors. CIT's bankruptcy fil-

ing shows \$71 billion in finance and leasing assets against total debt of \$64.9 billion.

A prepackaged bankruptcy, which has the support of major bondholders, speeds up the process of restructuring CIT's debt



Peek

and could allow it to exit court protection by the end of the year.

"The decision to proceed with our plan of reorganization will allow CIT to continue to provide funding to our small business and middle market customers," said Jeffrey M. Peek, chairman and CEO.

CIT's move will wipe out current holders of its common and preferred stock.

That means the U.S. government will likely lose the \$2.3 billion it sunk into CIT last year in return for preferred shares to prop up the ailing company.

The government could have lost billions more had it not declined to hand over more aid to the company earlier this year. (AP)

CAMDEN, N.J. | PRESIDENT HITS THE TRAIL



SUSAN WALSH/AP

SEAL OF APPROVAL: President Obama shakes hands with New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine during a campaign rally for Corzine on Sunday. An energized Obama told 3,500 people at the rally that they need to work hard to give Corzine another term in office so he can work with Washington to help repair a brittle economy. A loss for Corzine, a Democrat, would be seen as an embarrassment for the White House. Corzine's opponent in the election is Republican Chris Christie.



TRADES Cash for Treats: Not a Trick A North Carolina orthodontist wants to pay trick-or-treaters to fork over their candy. Dr. Jason Gladwell is offering kids \$1 per pound of sweets they bring into his office. Gladwell says he hopes the candy buyback prevents tooth decay. He plans to donate the candy to Treats for Troops, which sends packages to service members overseas. (AP)



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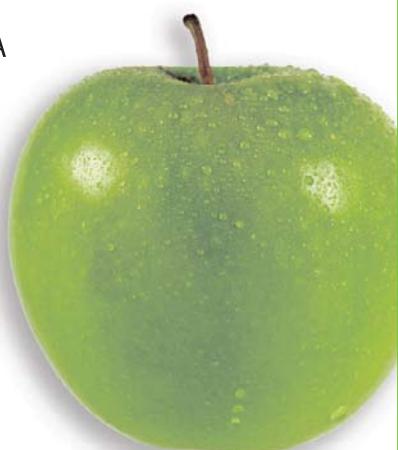
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GOP Ex-Candidate Backs a Dem

N.Y. assemblywoman endorses former rival for congressional seat

ALBANY, N.Y. | A day after Republican state Assemblywoman Dierdre Scozzafava abruptly suspended her campaign for a New York congressional seat, she announced Sunday she's endorsing the Democrat in the race — not the Conservative Party candidate favored by fellow Republicans.

Scozzafava said Democrat Bill Owens would be better at building on the legacy of Republican John McHugh, who previously represented the 23rd Congressional Dis-



HEATHER ANTHONY/HAP

Republican Dierdre Scozzafava abruptly suspended her campaign for a New York congressional seat on Saturday and then endorsed Democrat Bill Owens Sunday.

“It’s not in the cards for me to be your representative.”

—DIERDRE SCOZZAFAVA
REPUBLICAN STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN

trict. McHugh vacated the seat after accepting a position in the Obama administration as secretary of the Army. The special election to replace him is scheduled for Tuesday.

A recent Siena College poll showed Scozzafava finishing a distant third behind Owens and conservative Doug Hoffman. Big-name Republicans including for-

mer Alaska governor Sarah Palin and former Tennessee senator Fred Thompson threw their support behind Hoffman.

The race pitted conservative and moderate wings of the Republican Party. Hoffman painted Scozzafava as too liberal, specifically noting her support of abortion rights and same-sex marriage. He told voters in the historically GOP district that she's not the kind of Republican they want representing them in a Democrat-led Congress.

Owens released a statement saying he's honored to receive the endorsement. "Dede has always committed to serving the people of upstate New York before serving a partisan agenda. I have a tremendous amount of respect for what she's accomplished," Owens said.

VALERIE BAUMAN (AP)

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Maine voters will cast ballots Tuesday on a referendum to outlaw gay marriages.

Same-Sex Unions Face Test in Maine

State could become first in nation to OK gay marriage in vote

PORLAND, MAINE | Gay marriage has lost in every single U.S. state in which it has been put to a popular vote. Come Election Day, gay-rights supporters are hoping to make Maine the exception.

In a referendum that is being closely watched across the country and has drawn millions in out-of-state dollars, Maine voters will decide Tuesday whether to repeal a state law that would allow same-sex couples to marry.

If it is repealed, it will be another major defeat for the gay-rights movement, which saw voters in California put a stop to same-sex weddings there last year. A loss in Maine would be especially heart-

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The number of states that have passed constitutional amendments in the last five years that outlaw gay marriage.

breaking, given the way the northeastern New England states have been the region of the country most receptive to gay marriage.

The polls have been difficult to interpret. But both sides say the contest will be close and will hinge on turnout, particularly among the 18-to-25-year-olds who went to the polls in great numbers last year to elect President Obama.

"There's a knot in my stomach," said Steve Ryan of Buxton, who operates a property management business with his partner of 34 years. "We're very encouraged, and we're very worried at the same time." DAVID SHARP (AP)

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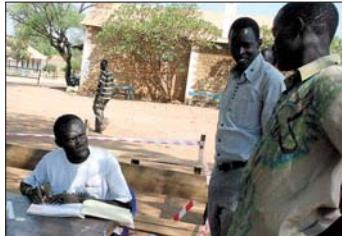


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People register to vote in the southern capital of Juba, Sudan, on Sunday.

KHARTOUM, SUDAN

Southern Leader Urges Secession From the North

The leader of southern Sudan called on his people to vote for secession in an upcoming referendum if they do not want to end up as second-class citizens, as voter registration began Sunday for elections across the country. Salva Kiir's call for the mostly Christian, oil-rich south to split from the Muslim north could increase tension with the Arab-led northern government and strain the fragile 2005 peace deal that ended the more-than-20-year north-south civil war. (AP)

LONDON

U.N. Wants \$39B for Global Fight Against Pneumonia

To fight pneumonia, the world's top killer of children, United Nations officials say they need \$39 billion over the next six years. It's part of a plan aiming to save more than 5 million children from dying of pneumonia by 2015. The plan was released by the World Health Organization and UNICEF on Monday, the first World Pneumonia Day. (AP)

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Resort Hotel Closes After 40 Guests Catch Swine Flu

A hotel in the mountain resort of Sinaia was closed Sunday after 40 Romanian and foreign law students meeting for a conference caught swine flu, officials said. Health state secretary Adrian Streinu-Cercel said 40 people were hospitalized Sunday at the Matei Bals Institute for Infectious Diseases in Bucharest, suffering from medium to severe forms of the flu. (AP)

U.S. Forced to Work With Karzai

White House left with few good options after runoff vote is scuttled

KABUL | President Hamid Karzai's leadership is weak, his government is corrupt, and nearly a third of the votes he won in the August election were thrown out as fakes.

But in the end, the Obama administration is sticking by the Afghan president — because it has few other good options.

Karzai is far from the strong and capable partner that Washington had hoped would emerge from the electoral process that it and Western allies had pushed

for in Afghanistan. They hoped the elections would stabilize the country and bleed support from the Taliban.

But the process effectively ended in turmoil Sunday, even as the war with the Taliban intensifies. Karzai's challenger, Abdullah Abdullah, bowed out only six days before a planned runoff, charging that no fair election was possible.

Now the U.S., barring other developments, must find a way to work with Karzai, who was widely favored to win the runoff anyway, and encourage him to embrace supporters of Abdullah and other groups opposed to the Taliban.

Unless such groups are brought



MAJID SAEEDI/GTY IMAGES

Afghan ex-presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah speaks in Kabul on Sunday.

into the government, the Taliban are likely to grow in strength.

Karzai enjoyed close ties with former president George W. Bush's

administration, but he fell out of favor when President Obama took the White House. U.S. officials have since been openly critical of Karzai as a weak leader.

Nevertheless, the Obama administration clearly concluded at some point that for all his faults, Karzai was the best it could get, given the realities of Afghanistan.

"We are going to deal with the government that is there," said White House presidential adviser David Axelrod. "And, obviously, there are issues we need to discuss, such as reducing the high level of corruption. These are issues we'll take up with President Karzai."

ROBERT H. REID (AP)



ARMEND NIMANI/AFP/GTY IMAGES

Former president Bill Clinton delivers a speech near an 11-foot statue of him that was unveiled on Sunday in Pristina, Kosovo.

Ex-President Is Honored in Kosovo

Bill Clinton attends unveiling of 11-foot gold statue of himself

PRISTINA, KOSOVO | Thousands of ethnic Albanians braved low temperatures and a cold wind in

Kosovo's capital, Pristina, to welcome former president Bill Clinton on Sunday as he attended the unveiling of an 11-foot statue of himself on a key boulevard that also bears his name.

Clinton is celebrated as a hero by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian major-

ity for launching NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia in 1999 that stopped the Serb forces' crackdown on independence-seeking ethnic Albanians.

This is his first visit to Kosovo since it declared independence from Serbia last year.

“I never expected that anywhere, someone would make such a big statue of me.”

—BILL CLINTON

An estimated 10,000 ethnic Albanians were killed during the Kosovo crackdown, and about 800,000 were forced out of their homes. They returned home after NATO-led peacekeepers moved in following 78 days of bombing.

Leta Krasniqi, an ethnic Albanian, said the statue was the best way to express the ethnic Albanians' gratitude for Clinton's role in making Kosovo a state.

"This is a big day," said Krasniqi, 25. "I live nearby, and I'm really excited that I will be able to see the statue of such a big friend of ours every day." NEBI QENA (AP)

Palestinians Shun Clinton's Overture

U.S. secretary of state lauds concessions by Israel, urges new talks

MARRAKECH, MOROCCO | Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is praising Israel for "unprecedented" concessions in the interest of restarting peace talks with the Palestinians, but her shuttle diplomacy produced no sign of a breakthrough.

The Palestinians on Saturday rejected Israel's offer to show "restraint" in settlement construction in the West Bank, rather than completely halting building. Clinton spoke approvingly of the Israeli offer, knowing it is at odds with the prevailing Palestinian view.

After talks Saturday in the Persian Gulf with Palestinians and in Jerusalem with Israelis, Clinton flew to Marrakech to prepare for talks to include consultations with Arab foreign ministers.

Palestinian leaders have said they will not return to peace talks with Israel unless it stops all settlement building on lands they claim for a future state, and they believe Israel has blatantly defied a U.S. demand for a settlement freeze.



Palestinian workers walk near a construction site in the West Bank in June.

PHILIPPINES | AFTER THE STORM



WATERLOGGED: People maneuver a makeshift canoe through a flooded cemetery in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday, a day after Typhoon Mirinae slammed into the country and killed 20 people. Despite the storm's impact, millions of Filipinos visited cemeteries across the country to pay their respects to the dead as part of All Saint's Day observances.

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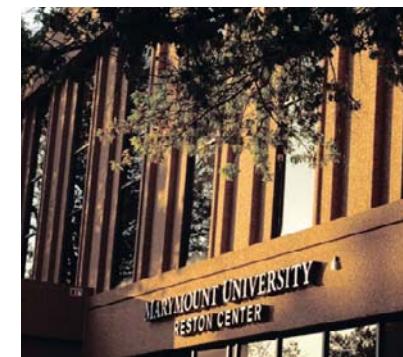
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FOOD Fries to Go Icelanders crowded the three branches of McDonald's in Reykjavik on Saturday as the fast-food chain served its last fries on the island, Agence France-Presse reported. The restaurants have officially closed in Iceland due to last year's economic crisis. (EXPRESS)



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Barricades block the entrance of a school that is closed in Islamabad, Pakistan. Militants have targeted a range of locations in the capital, including a university.

Attacks Paralyze Pakistan's Capital

Recent militant raids transform Islamabad into city under siege

ISLAMABAD | An onslaught of militant violence has transformed Pakistan's capital from a sleepy oasis to something of a city under siege, with its tree-lined streets barricaded, schools shuttered and jittery residents wondering when the next attack will come.

The fear shows how Taliban and al-Qaeda-led insurgents based along the Afghan border have brought the war into Pakistan's political and diplomatic heart, something they hope will force the government to halt a new army offensive into their stronghold.

The unease has been heightened by the range of targets attacked

despite a nationwide security clampdown. Suicide bombers hit the International Islamic University and a U.N. office in Islamabad; militants took officers hostage for 22 hours at army headquarters in the neighboring city of Rawalpindi; commando-style raids paralyzed the city of Lahore; and bombs have ripped through markets in the northwest.

More than 300 people have been killed, most of them Pakistani civilians. And no one expects the attacks to end soon.

"The feeling is that things have degenerated terribly," said Javeed Akhtar, a corporate lawyer. "The university bombing [on Oct. 20] sent a chill through everyone. There is now a realization that targets are unrestricted. It is no-holds-barred." CHRIS BRUMMITT (AP)

Pakistani Forces Kill Seven Militants

ISLAMABAD | Security forces fighting their way through a mountainous Taliban stronghold killed at least seven militants Sunday and injured several more, officials said, while Pakistan's foreign minister said the offensive in tribal South Waziristan should finish sooner than originally expected.

As part of the government's ramping up of its fight against the militants, it will offer bounties of up to \$600,000 for each of the top three Taliban leaders, according to an official advertisement to be published Monday in Pakistani newspapers and obtained by The Associated Press. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

D.C. Council Criticizes Fenty For Housing Contracts

D.C. Council members criticized Mayor Adrian Fenty's administration for allowing the city's housing authority to award \$82 million in contracts to Fenty's friends without approval. At a day-long meeting Friday, council members vented their frustration and said the contracts should be reviewed. The council is supposed to approve contracts worth more than \$1 million. (AP)



RICKY CARIOTI / TWP

The lottery for the National Christmas Tree lighting opens on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON

Lottery Opens for National Christmas Tree Lighting

The National Park Service will hold an online lottery this week to distribute tickets for the National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony in December. The lottery opens at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and runs through 11:59 p.m. on Friday. Nearly 10,000 free tickets will be distributed, including 7,000 standing-room tickets for the first time. The tree lighting is scheduled for Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. on the Ellipse near the White House. (AP)

CLINTON, MD.

Va. Woman Stabbed While Leaving Halloween Party

Prince George's County police say an Alexandria woman was stabbed and three male friends were cut while leaving a Halloween party in Clinton. Police say the attack occurred about 1:30 a.m. Sunday outside an auto body shop where the party was held, and none of the injuries was considered life-threatening. (AP)

Va. Governor's Race Down to Wire

GOP makes big push to rally voters ahead of Tuesday's election

Thousands of campaign staffers and volunteers fanned out across the state Saturday, knocking on doors and making phone calls to urge voters to go to the polls Tuesday and cast a ballot for Republican Robert F. McDonnell or Democrat R. Creigh Deeds in the closely watched race for Virginia governor.

Republicans, excited by the prospect of winning after eight years of losses, said they have embarked on their largest-ever get-out-the-vote program in Virginia, reaching twice as many people as they did during last year's presidential race. They said they had phoned nearly 2.5 million residents since April and knocked on more than half a million doors as they tried to ensure that their enthusiasm translates at the ballot box.

Democrats, down in every poll since June, are staging a last-ditch effort to energize voters, the sort of highly organized operation that helped them elect two consecutive governors and two U.S. senators, and deliver the state for a Demo-



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Gubernatorial candidates Democrat Creigh Deeds, left, and Republican Bob McDonnell made final campaign pushes Saturday.

cratic presidential candidate for the first time in more than four decades. They said they expect to contact 620,000 Virginians 14 times in the final two weeks of the campaign.

More than 200 Republican volunteers cheered McDonnell as he addressed them Saturday at a

rally in Springfield. "Now the TV's been done. The radio's done. The slick glossy fliers are in the mail. But now it's up to you," McDonnell said.

Deeds stumped at several events in southwest Virginia with U.S. Sen. James Webb, D-Va., and Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, who is chair-

man of the Democratic National Committee.

"We've got four days, and this race is ours to win," Deeds said Friday at a rally at the King Street Blues restaurant in Alexandria. "We just have to drive every single vote out." ANITA KUMAR AND ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Ex-Va. Police Chief Appears in PSA

Former Alexandria officer warns about driving while drunk

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A former Alexandria police chief who resigned in July after a drunken-driving arrest appears in a new video warning about the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

David Baker, 58, appeared in the video at the request of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

Baker was sentenced earlier this year in Arlington District Court to five days in jail and a \$300 fine.



LOIS RAIMOND / TWP

Baker was charged with drunken driving after he was involved in a car accident in Arlington. Baker,

who had been with the department for 19 years, resigned three days after the incident. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Nov. 1**DISTRICT**

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-3-2
Mid-day DC 4	2-1-7-1
D.C. Five (Sun.)	9-1-8-8-1

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-2
Mid-day Pick 4	8-3-3-2

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	9-0-6
Mid-day Pick 4	3-5-7-6
Mid-day Cash 5	3-7-26-28-33

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

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Personal Finance

Some Strings Attached

General purpose gift cards can sometimes come with an array of hidden surcharges

NEW YORK | You buy your sister a \$100 general purpose gift card. It's for her birthday, but it might be the bank that has reason to celebrate.

Despite your good intentions, such gift cards often come with a tangle of fine print and fees that can ensnare unsuspecting recipients. Your sister might not realize that a \$3 monthly inactivity fee kicks in after a year. Or it could annoy her that it costs \$12 to replace a lost card.

So, before you start loading up on gift cards for the holidays, be sure you know the pitfalls.

The Basics

There are two types of gift cards — store cards and general-purpose bank cards. The latter are Visa-, MasterCard- or American Express-branded cards that you can use wherever those credit cards are accepted.

Unlike with gift cards to specific stores, there are usually fees to buy general purpose gift cards.



There are multiple reasons shoppers should be wary of general purpose gift cards.

Chase and Wells Fargo cards cost \$3.50 apiece. American Express cards cost between \$2.95 and \$6.95, depending on the value of the card.

Running Meter

Once a general purpose bank card is purchased, the clock on the expiration date starts ticking. The card's value could disappear even before the expiration date as a result of dormancy fees. Some cards start charging monthly fees as early as six months after purchase, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

New Safeguards

The good news is that retailers and banks will have to abide by some new ground rules with gift cards starting in August 2010. Issuers will be banned from putting an expiration date on gift cards, unless it's at least five years after the card is loaded.

Inactivity fees will also be banned, unless the card hasn't been used for at least a year. Issuers will also be required to "clearly and conspicuously" state fees on packaging. Until then, it might be easier to simply steer clear of general purpose gift cards. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

Q & A

REAL ESTATE

Amid the heap of obligations and expenses that come with buying a house, title insurance can be one of the most bewildering. The topic can make your eyes glaze over, but anyone buying a home for the first time needs to understand exactly what it is.

1 What is the purpose of title insurance?

The title to a home can carry any number of ugly surprises. There could be liens against the house

for unpaid property, state or federal taxes, or even unpaid remodeling bills. Or the ownership of the home — and the right of the seller to put it on the market — could be disputed. Your attorney or the title insurance company should perform a search on the title, but such searches aren't always exhaustive. Title insurance is intended to protect against any liens that might come to light.

2 What types of insurance are there, and are they required?

There are two types of title insurance: lender's title insurance and owner's title insurance. The bank issuing your mortgage will require you to buy lender's title insurance. However,

that covers only the amount of your mortgage, and coverage lasts only for the duration of the loan. An owner's policy, which is optional, is intended to bridge any gaps in coverage.

3 Who pays for title insurance, and how much is it? You pay for the lender's coverage, and the price will be based on the amount of the loan. The price of owner's title insurance will vary depending on where you live. On average, getting owner's title insurance on a \$250,000 home would cost about a one-time fee of about \$900, according to the American Land Title Association. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

Ravens Clamp Down on Broncos



Baltimore's defense shines as McDaniels gets first loss as coach

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens handed Denver its first loss by implementing the blueprint that the Broncos employed in winning their first six games.

Rookie Lardarius Webb returned the second-half kickoff 95 yards for a score, and the Ravens ended a three-game losing streak with surprising ease, defeating the Broncos 30-7 on Sunday.

It was Denver's first loss under rookie head coach Josh McDaniels. The Broncos (6-1) came in with the NFL's top-ranked defense, a plus-seven turnover differential and one of the league's best kick



Denver Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton, left, lies on the field after being sacked in the fourth quarter by defensive tackle Dwan Edwards during a 30-7 Ravens win.

returners in Eddie Royal. Denver had also outscored the opposition 76-10 after halftime.

The Ravens, however, dominated each of those facets of the game.

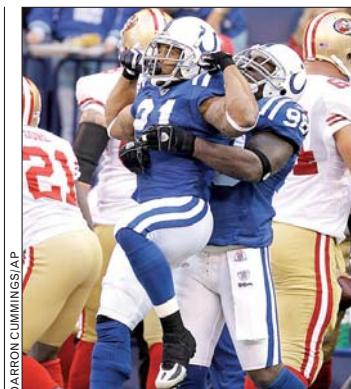
Baltimore (4-3) limited Denver to 200 yards, scored off the game's lone turnover, won the special teams battle and pulled away after leading just 6-0 at halftime.

Denver started the day as one of three unbeaten teams in the NFL and was trying to improve to 7-0 for the first time since 1998. Baltimore needed a win to avoid falling under .500 and dropping two games behind Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in the AFC North.

In a duel between an undefeated team and a desperate one, the Ravens prevailed. Baltimore held Royal in check, bottled up quarterback Kyle Orton and became the first team this season to rush for more than 100 yards against Denver.

The tone was set on first play from scrimmage, when Ravens linebacker Jarret Johnson blitzed untouched from the left side, sacking Orton for an 8-yard loss.

Denver managed just 79 yards of offense while being held scoreless in the first half for the first time this season. (AP)



Colts safety Bob Sanders (21) reacts after an interception against the 49ers.

Colts Eke Out Win Over 49ers

NFL | The Indianapolis Colts won their 16th-straight regular-season game, the equivalent of an undefeated season, and Jim Caldwell became the first rookie coach since the NFL merger to open his career with seven consecutive wins, thanks to Sunday's 18-14 victory over San Francisco.

Peyton Manning topped 300 yards, and Joseph Addai threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne early in the final quarter to give the Colts their only lead.

The Colts (7-0) are the last unbeaten team in the AFC for the fourth time in five years. (AP)

Burnett to Start Game 5 for Yanks

BASEBALL | A.J. Burnett will start Game 5 of the World Series for the New York Yankees on three days' rest Monday night.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi chose the Game 2 winner over Chad Gaudin and could start Andy Pettitte on short rest in Game 6 if the series returns to New York. Burnett beat Pedro Martinez in Game 2 and is 4-0 with a 2.33 ERA in four career starts on short rest. Game 2 winner Cliff Lee will pitch Game 5 for the defending champion Phillies. (AP)

Many Happy Returns for Dolphins



Miami special teams unit scores twice in AFC East rivalry win

NFL | The Miami Dolphins have the last word — for now.

Ted Ginn Jr. had two long kickoff returns for touchdowns in the third quarter, and the Dolphins held off the New York Jets for a 30-25 victory Sunday.

Miami (3-4) swept the two regular-season games after the teams met for the second time in 20 days, capping a week filled with trash talk from both sides in



Dolphins Jason Taylor and Sean Smith celebrate after the 30-25 win Sunday.

a rekindled AFC East rivalry. The bad feelings were evident even before the game, when the Jets' Kerry Rhodes and a few Dolphins players got into a shoving match during warm-ups.

And, just like the last time these teams met, the game came down to the wire.

Facing a fourth-and-13 after a sack by Randy Starks with just over a minute remaining, Mark Sanchez scrambled before firing an incomplete pass over the outstretched arms of Dustin Keller in the end zone to seal the loss for the Jets (4-4).

Ginn became the first player to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in the same quarter since Green Bay's Travis Williams in 1967. Ginn had returns of 100 and 101 yards against the Jets.

Jason Taylor also added a non-offensive touchdown in the third quarter when he returned a fumble 48 yards for a touchdown. (AP)

NFL SCOREBOARD

Ravens 30, Broncos 7

Texans 31, Bills 10

Bears 30, Browns 6

Cowboys 38, Seahawks 17

Dolphins 30, Jets 25

Colts 18, 49ers 14

Eagles 40, Giants 17

Rams 17, Lions 10

Chargers 24, Raiders 16

Cardinals, Panthers (late)

Packers 38, Vikings 26

→ For results of the games that ended after Express' deadline, go to washingtonpost.com/sports.

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THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE in viewership of Game 3 of the World Series from last year. The New York Yankees' 8-5 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night received a 9.1 rating and 18 share, Fox said Sunday. It is the highest mark for a World Series game since the Chicago White Sox beat the Houston Astros 5-3 in the 2005 opener. The three-game average is up 42 percent from last year's World Series. (AP)

Sports

In Brief

TENNIS

Serena Williams Beats Sister to Win Sony Ericsson

Serena Williams bested big sister Venus Williams again Sunday, winning 6-2, 7-6 (4) in the season-ending Sony Ericsson Championships final. Serena Williams broke twice in the first set and lost just seven points on serve in her last match of the year. She looked sharper than her sister in every facet of a match that featured few long rallies and



CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Serena Williams, right, beat her sister Venus Williams, left, at Sony Ericsson.

little of the spectacular tennis the two have provided in some of their previous meetings. (AP)

NFL

Former Wives Accuse Raiders Coach of Violence

The former wife of Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable and a recent girlfriend claim Cable has a history of violent behavior toward women and asked that he seek help for his anger. Sandy Cable and Marie Lutz said on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" that the first-year head coach physically abused them at various times during their relationships. Cable's attorney, Donald Yee, said Sunday that ESPN refused to provide details about the story. (AP)

GOLF

Fisher Beats Kim 4 and 3 To Take Match Play Crown

Ross Fisher beat Anthony Kim 4 and 3 on Sunday to win the 36-hole World Match Play Championship final. Fisher eagled the 22nd hole and birdied the next to take a 3-up lead at the Finca Cortesin golf course. Kim won the next hole before missing short putts at the next two, then squandered several chances to win holes down the stretch. "Fortunately, the putter finally got a little bit hot," said Fisher, who became the fourth Englishman to win the event. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas Jumps to No. 2 in AP Poll; Alabama Slips to No. 3

Texas is back to No. 2 in the AP college football poll. The Longhorns jumped Alabama and landed right behind top-ranked Florida on Sunday, the day after winning 41-14 at Oklahoma State in their best performance of the season. Florida, No. 1 for all but one week this season, received 38 first-place votes after a convincing 41-17 victory over Georgia. Alabama, which spent a week at No. 1, slipped to No. 3 in an off week, after receiving eight first-place votes. (AP)

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American Wins Marathon

Keflezighi becomes first U.S. man to win in New York since '82

NEW YORK | Meb Keflezighi became the first U.S. man to win the New York City Marathon since 1982 on Sunday, a victory that capped an outstanding day for American distance running.

Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia captured the women's race, with two-time defending champ Paula Radcliffe falling back to fourth, then grabbing her left leg in pain after finishing.

Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, learned after a disappointing performance in the U.S. Olympic trials in New York two years ago he had a stress fracture



Meb Keflezighi celebrates after winning the New York City Marathon on Sunday.

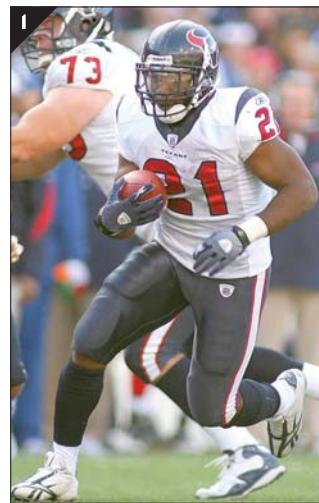
in his hip. He capped the long and painful comeback with a landmark victory against a deep field for his first major marathon title.

That day in 2007 he also lost close friend Ryan Shay, who collapsed and died during the race. Keflezighi said the tears he shed

after winning were for Shay.

Born in Eritrea, the 34-year-old runner became a U.S. citizen in 1998. He was second in New York in 2004 and third in 2005. Wearing "USA" on the front of his jersey, Keflezighi won in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 15 seconds. (AP)

TOP DOGS | SUNDAY'S BEST IN THE NFL

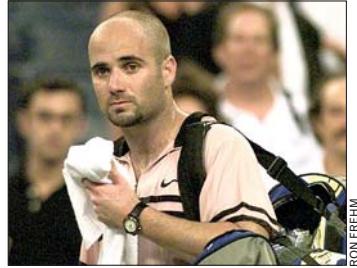


1 Filling in for the injured Steve Slaton, Texans running back **Ryan Moats** carried 23 times for 126 yards and three scores in a win over the Bills. **2**. Cowboys quarterback **Tony Romo** threw for 256 yards and three touchdowns in a rout of the Seahawks. **3**. Dolphins wide receiver **Ted Ginn** totaled 294 yards on six kickoff returns, taking two back for touchdowns against the Bills. **4**. Eagles QB **Donovan McNabb** passed for 240 yards and three touchdowns in dismantling the Giants.

Agassi May Have Taken Speed

LONDON | Andre Agassi says in an excerpt from his soon-to-be-released autobiography that he swallowed a pill given to him by his father that he believes could have been the illegal drug speed.

In the latest passage revealed from the book "Open," which was published Thursday in the German newspaper Bild, the eight-time Grand Slam champion says



In his book, Andre Agassi says his father may have given him the drug speed.

his father gave him an unidentified little white pill and he took it.

"I swallow it and I feel good. Not much different. A bit more alert," Agassi wrote.

In excerpts published Wednesday, Agassi said he ingested crystal meth in 1997 and then lied to the governing body of men's tennis to avoid a suspension after failing a doping test. (AP)

Nelson, Magic Top Raptors, 125-116

NBA | Jameer Nelson scored 30 points, J.J. Redick had a career-high 27 and the Orlando Magic used a season-high 17 3-pointers to beat the Toronto Raptors 125-116 on Sunday.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Ryan Anderson scored 20 and the Magic (3-0) remained unbeaten after going 8-0 in the preseason.

Chris Bosh led Toronto with

35 points and 16 rebounds while Andrea Bargnani had 26, including 22 in the second half. Former Magic swingman Hedo Turkoglu had 19 points for Toronto, which has lost two straight after a season-opening victory over Cleveland.

The Magic was without former Raptor Vince Carter, who left Friday's win at New Jersey with a sprained left ankle. (AP)

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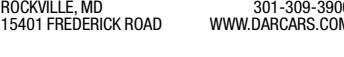
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Sports



Mark Martin (5) flips over after an accident at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday.

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McMurray wins race after bump-drafting banned at Ala. track

NASCAR | Jamie McMurray was the unlikely winner of an uncharacteristically dull race at Talladega Superspeedway, where a ban on bump-drafting forced most drivers to coast until the end Sunday.

It almost cost three-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson dearly. He puttered around the back of the pack most of the afternoon and almost ran out of time to charge back through the field.

But when Ryan Newman's harrowing accident with five laps remaining caused a red-flag delay of nearly 13 minutes while New-

man was cut out of his car, drivers ahead of Johnson began to run out of gas. He was credited with an eighth-place finish — enough to likely seal his NASCAR-record fourth consecutive championship.

Newman's accident set up a two-lap sprint to the finish, but the race still ended under caution because of another spectacular crash that sent Mark Martin flipping across the racetrack.

McMurray, stuck in an 86-race winless streak dating to Daytona in July 2007, coasted across the finish line for the third victory of his career.

Kasey Kahne was second, followed by rookie Joey Logano. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

FOOTBALL (8:30 ON ESPN) In a battle of NFC South teams, Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons venture into the Superdome, aiming to hand Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints their first loss of the season.

BASEBALL (7:30 ON FOX) Cliff Lee takes the hill for the Phillies in Game 5 of the World Series in Philadelphia, possibly with the Yankees looking to close things out and earn the franchise's 27th championship.

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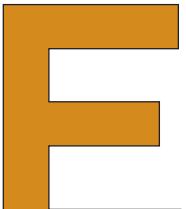
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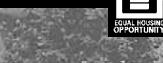
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Not a '1 Thing' Wonder

Amerie consolidates control of her music in hopes of keeping her star on the rise

VISION | Half-diva, half-brainiac, 29-year-old singer Amerie likes to read science magazines while she prepares for a photo shoot. But most know Amerie as the voice behind 2005's chart-topping R&B single "1 Thing." With its bursts of percussion and ribbons of insistent melody, the song remains one of the decade's most revelatory pieces of pop music. "It's this one thing and I was so with it," she belts on the song's delirious refrain. "It's

“[A lot of artists] sound like the producer who did the record. To me, that's super-whack.”

this one thing you did.”

On Tuesday, Amerie will try to do it again with "In Love & War," her first U.S. release after a four-year absence. Weaving urgent melodies through sandpaperly beats, it's an album tailor-made to stand out in an era when R&B singers are often treated as interchangeable parts in the great American pop machine.

"On the radio, you have a lot of artists sounding like each other," Amerie says. "They don't sound like themselves — they just sound like



WHIZ AT THE BIZ: Amerie hasn't been navigating the music industry for too long, but she's already learned a major lesson about making her music sound like her.

the producer who did the record. To me, that's super-whack.”

Super-whack, indeed. In a world where uber-producers like the-Dream, Timbaland and Danja often play musical chairs with pop's A-list vocal cords, listening to the radio can have a particularly numbing effect.

You can hear it in lead single "Why R U" — a pining love song with a scrappy boom-bap track courtesy of the production team the Buchanans. Unlike the chorus of "1 Thing," here our hero finds herself suspended in a different type of romantic disbelief: "Why are you the only thing that I care about? ... Baby, you're no good for me, no!" Her vocal trills morph into growls as the beat threatens to boil over.

"I like to work with people who are willing to create something with me, versus just giving me their off-the-rack track," Amerie says of her collaborators.

That desire for control came to a head in 2007 when Amerie decided to shelve her then-forthcoming disc, "Because I Love It." The singer had grown skeptical of her paymasters and put the project in cold storage as she plotted a move to hip-hop powerhouse Def Jam, where she's currently signed.

"There was just too much turmoil on the executive level," she says of the lack of promotion she felt at her old label. "If it's not gonna be put out right, I don't want to do it." **CHRIS RICHARDS**
(THE WASHINGTON POST)



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP
Reese Witherspoon will bring Terrel Seltzer's original screenplay to life.

Reese Will Follow the 'Rule #1'

The A-lister signs on to star in a film about friendship's beauty

CASTING | Terrel Seltzer has sold her original screenplay "Rule #1" to Fox Searchlight, with Reese Witherspoon attached to star and produce. The project is about a New York woman who befriends a Puerto Rican girl with attention-deficit disorder.

Seltzer, who is repped by Paradigm and Manage-Ment, wrote the Fox comedy "How I Got Into College" and co-wrote the George Clooney-Michelle Pfeiffer romantic comedy "One Fine Day."

Witherspoon will next appear in the untitled James L. Brooks feature hitting theaters in December 2010. Through her Type A Films, Witherspoon has produced "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde," "Penelope" and "Four Christmases." **JAY A. FERNANDEZ**
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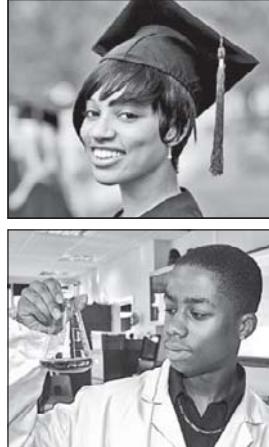
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THE NEXT BEST THING: Johan Karlberg, Esau Mwamwaya and Etienne Tron, aka the Very Best, just released an album.

Mix(taping) It Up

The Very Best writes originals and samples greats to produce a joyful collection

TRIO | The Very Best burst onto the blogosphere last year with a free mixtape titled, simply, "Esau Mwamwaya and Radioclit Are the Very Best." It was a bold statement from an unknown Malawian singer and a British DJ duo who were best known for remixing pop songs.

But the combination of Mwamwaya's infectious voice over Radioclit's Afro-pop treatment of popular songs was undeniably joyful.

In September, the Very Best released its first album, "Warm Heart of Africa" (Green Owl). If anything, "Warm Heart of Africa" affirms that the Very Best's dance-ready, Afro- and electronic-steeped sound works just as well on original tracks as the sampled cuts.

Express talked to band member Johan Karlberg about how the group got together and Best's live show tonight.

You and Etienne Tron had been working together as Radioclit, but how did you meet Esau?

Esau was running a second-hand junk shop on the street outside our studio, and Etienne used to walk in there looking for stuff. One day he bought a bike from Esau and invited him to a house-warming party. That's where I met him and

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he told me he was a drummer, so I invited him to the studio. Turned out he was an amazing singer.

Your mixtape was incredibly well-received. Did you know you wanted to make a proper album before it, or did the mixtape spur you on?

The album was done before the mixtape. The album was done last spring. After we finished it, we didn't want to stop recording, so we kept working on mixtape tracks and decided to put it up for

free download to introduce people to our musical universe.

What is the touring configuration of the band?

Esau, DJ, dancers and a hype man. That's a very basic setup we're using right now. We want it to slowly grow into a beast over the coming year or two .

How have audiences been responding to the live show?

It's been truly amazing. People dance with the biggest smiles on their faces — that's all we could ever hope for. If we can bring something positive through the music, that's a real accomplishment, and we hope that's what we're doing. When we played "Will You Be There" from the mixtape with Michael Jackson's vocal at Pitchfork Festival right after Michael passed, it was insane: lighters in the air, people crying, singing along, smiling — all in one go.

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A Good-Spirited Scrooge

Jim Carrey happily dishes on the making of 'A Christmas Carol' and its messages

BAH, HUMBUG! | "I love terrifying children," reveals Jim Carrey, who plays Scrooge, the holiday-hating miser who undergoes a transformation in Robert Zemeckis' adaptation

of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," in theaters Friday.

It seems a natural progression that Carrey, who previously depicted the Grinch on-screen, would tackle the grumpy old man.

Dickens' beloved classic is one of the most often adapted stories in Hollywood, but never before has it been seen in this emerging new visual format that combines live-



Jim Carrey plays seven characters.

action performance with digital animation.

Through the magic of motion-capture technology, he plays six more characters in the film, including the three ghosts and younger versions of his character.

Despite all the positives, seeing himself on-screen as the elderly Scrooge was a bit disturbing for the 47-year-old. Not only did the

character look a lot like his real-life dad, but Carrey also saw himself in the craggy character.

"It's really a look into the future for me," he says. "It's what I'm going to look like when I'm older."

The actor says the Dickens classic is particularly relevant today. "Scrooge is the first corporate scumbag," he quips.

He commends Zemeckis for tapping into the zeitgeist. "It was Bob's choice to choose this story, but someone was choosing Bob, and this story needs to be told now," Carrey says. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Monotony Plagues New 'Glee' Album

The Fox TV show's catchy ditties don't translate well to CD

SHOW CHOIR | It seems like a no-brainer to say that if you like the music on Fox's "Glee," then you'll like the CD "Glee: the Music, Season 1, Volume 1."

The only problem is that outside the context of the show, these songs lose some of the perspective that makes them so charming on screen.

For one thing, due to the show-choir nature of the glee club, many of these songs are phrased as duets. On the album, though, you just



Lea Michele plays Rachel, the temperamental resident diva on "Glee."

and come out sounding all the same. These aren't just cover songs; they're Broadway-ified covers, and the contemporary songs suffer the most. Rihanna's "Take a Bow" becomes a nasal whine, and without Avril Lavigne's sullen growl, "Keep Holding On" quickly deteriorates into corny fluff.

All this is not to say that the CD's not fun — it is. These songs are campy and theatrical and excessive and overblown, just like the show. But a consistency of style and vocal approach makes it all a bit monotonous after awhile. CATHERINE LEWIS



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1 Garage Explosion

King Khan's backing band may change (BBQ Show, the Shrines, etc.), but the jams he kicks out are always the same: "The kind of music that we do is really pure rhythm-and-blues and gospel," Khan told Express last April. This Indian-Canadian dynamo's live shows are giant spectacles of rock 'n' roll awesomeness, and his band murders soul music like Takeru Kobayashi kills hot dogs. c.p.

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; with Brazos, 8 p.m., \$15; 202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc.com*



top stops

Compiled by Express' Fiona Zulbin and Christopher Porter. Read more of their picks at Expressnightout.com/topstops.

2 Endless 'Dream'

Bruce Springsteen is still working on his "Working on a Dream" tour, giving area Bossheads plenty of opportunities this year to fill up their backstreets with his singular style of Americana. He's returning to Verizon Center tonight for the second time this year, and he'll also appear up the road in Baltimore on Nov. 20 at 1st Mariner Arena. It's an I-95 tunnel of Springsteen love. c.p.

→ *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$32.50-\$98; 202-397-7328, Verizoncenter.com. (Gallery Place)*

3 Leftover Scares

Halloween is over, but nobody told the AFI. If you're already missing the horror movie atmosphere that gripped the world the last two weeks of October, extend it with AFI's Halloween on Screen Festival, which doesn't end until Wednesday. Tonight, you can see a documentary about horror TV host Count Gore de Vol called "Every Other Day Is Halloween." f.z.

→ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 7 p.m., \$6-\$10; 301-495-6700, Afi.com. (Silver Spring)*



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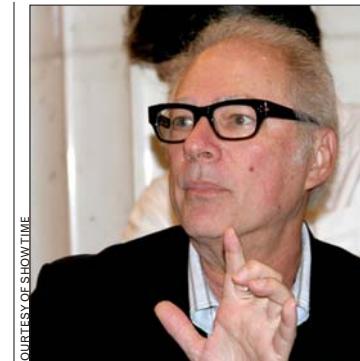
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Causes Celeb

'Poliwood' examines
the intersection of
activism and fame



COURTESY OF SHOWTIME
Levinson tracks do-gooder celebs.

ENDORSEMENT | An interesting film with a silly title, "Poliwood" (7:30 p.m., Showtime) looks at the intersection of politics and celebrity. Director Barry Levinson follows actors as they attend the political conventions in summer 2008 and January's inauguration, and he shows how celebrities can associate their famous faces with causes. But do they enhance people's understanding of issues?

We learn that Richard Dreyfuss has become an informed student of politics and has taught courses at Oxford. But when he discusses politics, he is dismissed as "the guy from 'Jaws.'"

"Poliwood" also explores how ratings-driven talk/news shows have helped polarize government and the electorate because screaming matches are more "entertaining" than an informed discussion between reasonable people. **KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

tonight's lineup

TIME TRAVEL, NO BIG DEAL

On **HEROES** (8 p.m., NBC), Hiro (Masi Oka) takes a trip three years into the past, where he has a second chance to save Charlie from Sylar's clutches.

RELATIONSHIP NEWBIE

Poor Barney. On **HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER** (8 p.m., CBS), he's trying so hard to be the perfect boyfriend, but his know-it-all tendencies are rubbing Robin the wrong way. After the couple's first real fight, they turn to Lily and Marshall for help.

SURPRISING HOBBY

On **THE BIG BANG THEORY** (9:00 p.m., CBS), Sheldon teaches Leonard how to understand football. Wait—Sheldon? The tall, skinny guy from Texas with a "Star Trek" fixation explains football?

THE TABLES HAVE TURNED

On **TRAUMA** (9 p.m., NBC), Nancy and Glenn find themselves on the other end of the trauma. Rabbit has a surprising reaction while treating a patient.

GOOD DAY ON THE JOB

On **CSI: MIAMI** (10 p.m., CBS), Caine and his team re-enact a raucous



COURTESY OF BPI INC.
The case of factory supervisor Leo Frank is profiled tonight on PBS.

bachelor party in an effort to solve a murder and figure out what happened to the groom, who vanished.

A SOBERING HISTORY

Nearly 100 years later, the 1913 murder of Mary Phagan and the trial and lynching of Leo Frank, a Jewish factory supervisor, still resonates in an America that outwardly prides itself on being a melting pot yet still is wary of "the other." **THE**

PEOPLE V. LEO FRANK (10:30 p.m., PBS) re-enacts many of the still-harrowing events. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Paul Hinders, Virginia Wilkins

Paul, 26, is a systems administrator. Virginia, 23, is a recruitment manager. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A Nov. 21 wedding at an old Masonic temple in Baltimore. Their pastor will officiate in front of 150 guests.

■ **Honeymoon:** A Caribbean cruise. "We're excited to go scuba diving in the different islands," Virginia says.

■ **How They Met:** On move-in day at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He was a junior and she was a freshman.

■ **First Impressions:** "I was afraid she wouldn't like me." "I thought he was annoyed by freshman girls following him around."

■ **First Date:** Pizza after their rugby practice.

■ **How He Proposed:** She surprised him with a February trip to Puerto Rico with his parents. He attached the ring to her clutch; while on the phone, she kept opening and closing her purse absentmindedly. "Finally," says Paul, "my mom said, 'Look at your purse!'"



■ **Pet Names:** "Nothing mushy; I call him 'Peej'" for "Paul Justin" (his middle name), says Virginia. Paul calls her "Florida" or other state names, "when I want to make her mad."

■ **Their Song:** "Little Moments" by Brad Paisley. "The girl in the song reminds me of her."

■ **Most-Hated Clothing Item:** Her high school graduation shirt that says "Sexy Seniors" on the front.

■ **When They Knew:** He knew after one semester, when he gave her a promise ring at her sorority formal. She knew when she took him to meet her parents and a tree fell on — and totaled — his rental car. "PJ was a good sport and took it all in stride; he even had a sense of humor about it all."



Stephen Decker, Ed Moore

Stephen, 56, left, is a nonprofit accountant. Ed, 46, is a retail manager and art instructor. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** They'll marry Nov. 21 in Hartford, Conn., with a small reception that day. A bigger party in D.C. will follow on Dec. 6.

■ **Honeymoon:** None due to time constraints at work, but "the last 20 years have been one anyway!" Ed says.

■ **How They Met:** Ed took out a personal ad in the Washington Blade, which Stephen answered more than 20 years ago.

■ **First Impressions:** "I fell for his big brown eyes and furry chest; then he gave me his impish smile and I was lost," Ed says. "Love at first sight," Stephen says.

■ **First Date:** Drinks at the DC Eagle.

■ **How He Proposed:** They'd been talking about making their relationship official, and one morning Ed proposed over coffee. "After my second cup of coffee, I still wanted to marry him."

■ **Pet Names:** Stephen is Ed's "Kewpie doll."

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "It'll be a windy day and my kilt will blow up," Stephen says.

Peas Be Mine

She tells people that their first encounter was at a wine tasting, but the truth is **JEN SCHUETT** and **PAUL VACA** met at a Georgetown University event known as Security — a nerdy game similar to Model U.N., Jen says. "We were both on Team Poland. He likes to explain the details of the event and our team strategy when people ask how we met." Their first date: canvassing for Barack Obama on U Street.

Paul's proposal took an unexpected turn when Jen twisted her ankle 20 minutes before the romantic evening he'd planned was to begin. He switched gears and brought dinner, wine and champagne to Jen's place, "where I found her lying in bed, icing her foot with a bag of peas." And there he popped the question. "It wasn't what I had planned, but she said yes!"

Jen, 25, is a graduate student. Paul, 28, is a foreign service officer. They live in D.C. and will marry Nov. 21.



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RESULTS FROM FRIDAY'S QUESTION

NO 75%

YES 25%

"Are you kidding me? Anyone who actually believes that the economy is in recovery is living in a dreamland."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

"I think the real reason this recession is hurting people so much is that they're finally being forced to live within their means."

COMMENTER COOP!

"Although I have a good job and think the economy is starting to look up, the recession won't feel over until businesses begin hiring again. I know too many people who are still out of work."

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"HILLARY CLINTON needs

to be complimented for her plain-speaking on Pakistani inaction against al-Qaeda."

GLOBALGEOPOLITICS.NET WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S CANDOR IN PAKISTAN LAST WEEK.



"To misquote Jessica Rabbit: 'Sequels to beloved animated/live-action classics aren't all bad. They're just motion-captured that way."

CINEMATICAL.COM ISN'T SURE WHETHER A SEQUEL TO "WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT" — REPORTEDLY IN THE WORKS — IS A GOOD IDEA.

"THE RULES OF NaBloPoMo are simple: post at least once every day for the entire month of November or feel like a sad, pathetic failure."

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"Maybe this was some sort of Halloween prank, because I really don't understand how else a freaking bat would wind up in the arena."

LARRYBROWNSPORTS.COM DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SAN ANTONIO SPURS GUARD MANU GINOBILI NEEDED TO SWAT A BAT TO THE GROUND DURING AN NBA GAME ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

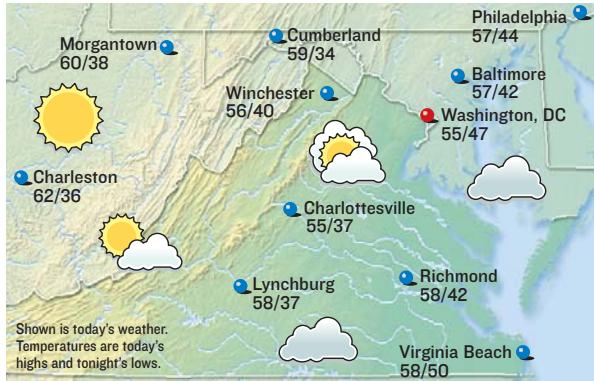
"WHEN ARE PEOPLE going to learn that in this day and age, you cannot upload photos to your Facebook page if you don't want them to get out?"

DEADSPIN.COM FIGURES THAT A DALLAS COWBOYS CHEERLEADER WHO APPEARED IN BLACK-FACE FOR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME IS PROBABLY GOING TO LOSE HER JOB.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
55°	47°	60° / 39°	53° / 42°	57° / 42°	57° / 43°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	57°
Low	51°
Normal high	62°
Normal low	44°
Average humidity	76%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.66"
Month to date	0.55"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	36.23"
Last year to date	41.09"
Normal year to date	33.37"

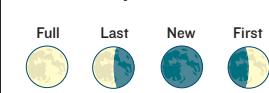
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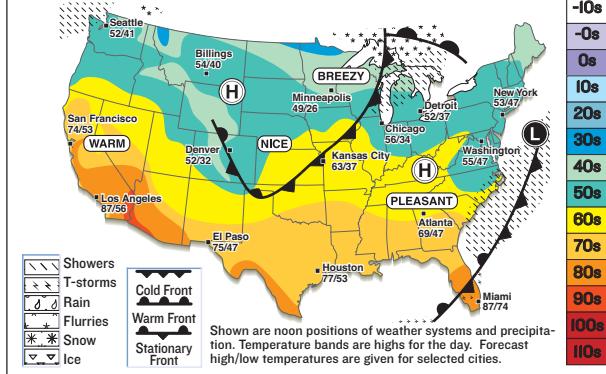
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy. High 55. Winds north-northeast 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 47. Winds north-northeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:36 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:06 p.m.
 Moonrise today 4:43 p.m.
 Moonset today 6:29 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, November 2



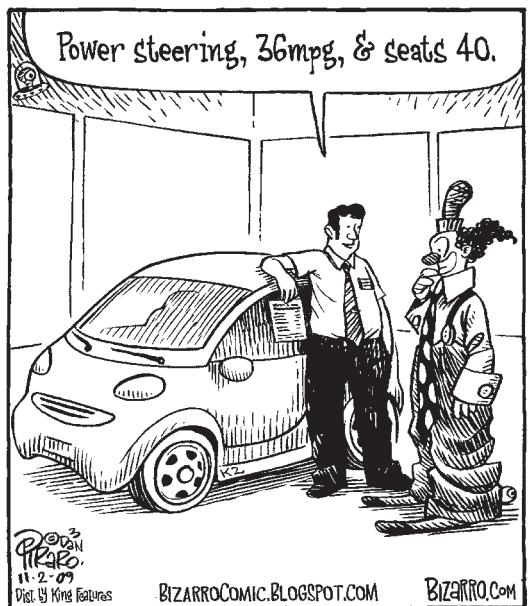
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Boston	53/42/c	52/38/pc	Athens	60/51/pc	68/63/r
Chicago	56/34/c	50/36/s	Berlin	48/39/r	41/37/sh
Dallas	78/50/s	70/50/s	Buenos Aires	73/58/t	71/56/c
Denver	52/32/s	58/34/s	Calgary	49/23/c	37/19/s
Honolulu	85/73/pc	82/68/sh	Dublin	54/45/pc	52/41/sh
Los Angeles	87/56/s	84/56/s	Geneva	53/38/r	42/41/r
Miami	87/74/pc	86/72/t	Moscow	29/14/s	24/23/s
New York City	53/47/c	57/46/pc	Rome	64/50/r	59/46/sh
Orlando	83/65/pc	80/62/t	Sydney	79/66/pc	93/64/s
Seattle	52/41/c	53/41/pc	Tokyo	63/50/sh	55/46/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Consider profit and loss carefully, as you face conflicting indicators and weigh other options. Don't make any rash decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A situation created by someone else is not favorable, and may require more work and adjustment on your part. You do have an alternative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may become frustrated while waiting for someone to make a decision that affects what you will do next.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The time has come for you to weigh all the advice you've recently received and begin to move in one direction or another on your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Keep your priorities clear and focus on those things that you can actually finish before the day is done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A period of increased activity is coming to a close, and you may be afforded an opportunity to step away and rest a bit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others are waiting for you to say yes or no to a question that has been on the table for some time. Determine what is holding you up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A message comes your way that gives you greater optimism and has you considering a plan that you've had on a back burner.

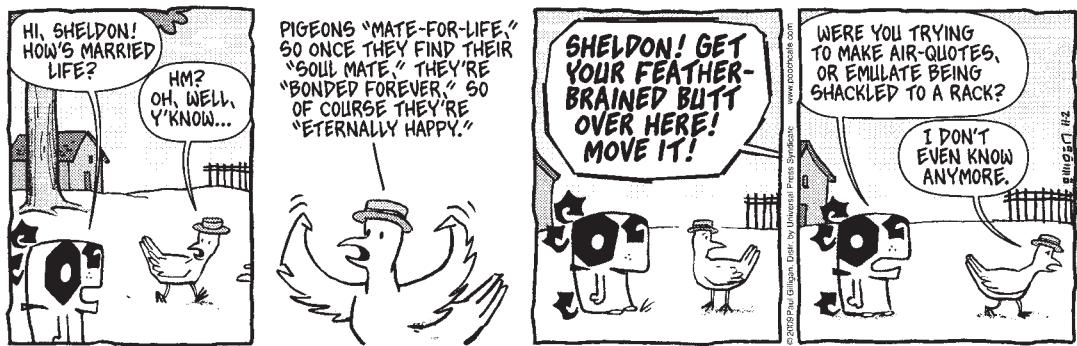
CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may find yourself in a position that gives you less control over a given situation than you had hoped. Are you comfortable with this development?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let others push you into making a decision that doesn't sit right with you. It may be time to cut your losses and focus on something else.

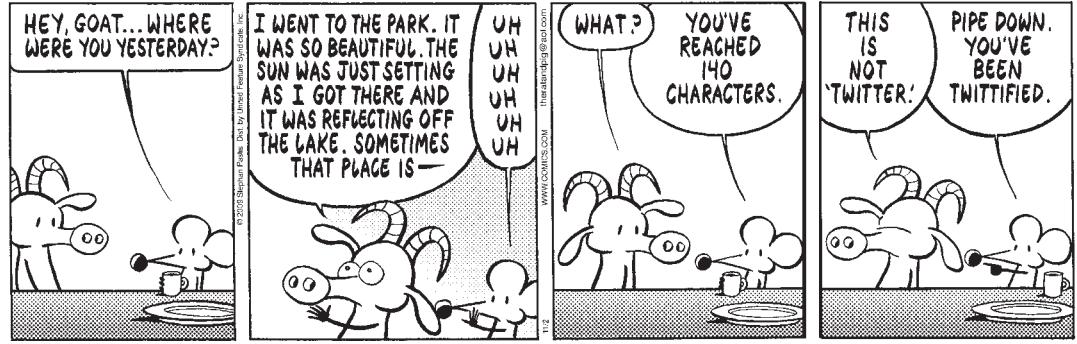
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are facing a situation that is new to you, but those around you have more experience, and can provide valuable insight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Work that you've left undone is beginning to stack up. Start chipping away at those things you know can be completed on time.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Today in History

1783 Gen. George Washington

issues his "Farewell Address to the Army" near Princeton, N.J.



1947 Howard Hughes pilots his huge wooden airplane, known as the Spruce Goose, on its only flight, which lasts about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

1959 Charles Van Doren

admits to a U.S. House subcommittee that he had the questions and answers in advance for his appearances on the NBC-TV game show "Twenty-One."

President Kennedy announces an end to the Cuban missile crisis Nov. 2, 1962.

1962 President Kennedy

announces an end to the Cuban missile crisis, saying the Soviet Union is dismantling bases in Cuba.

Deep South since the Civil War.

2003 The U.S. Episcopal

diocese of New Hampshire installs as its bishop the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, consecrating the first openly homosexual Anglican bishop and drawing censure from within the Anglican Communion.

lookout people



FRANK GUNN/AP

Here's a fun rainy-day activity: Find all the men wearing earrings on this page.

BABY NAMES

Son Tragically Born With Excess Vowels, Consonants

It's another boy for **COLIN FARRELL**. A spokeswoman for the 33-year-old Irish-born actor said Friday that Farrell and Polish actress Alicja Bachleda welcomed son Henry Tadeusz Farrell on Oct. 7. Farrell has a 6-year-old son with model Kim Bordenave. (AP)

MACABRE

Bidders Realize How Weird, Creepy Auction Actually Is

 The second auction of the marble mausoleum crypt above **MARYLIN MONROE**'s final resting place in Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery didn't fetch any bids, says organizer Eric Gazin of Auction-cause.com. A previous \$4.6 million bid for the space fell through in August. (AP)



WILLIAM THOMAS CAIN/GETTY IMAGES

RECAP

Dirtbag Digest

This weekend saw a torrent of **JON GOSSELIN**-Hailey Glassman activity. Among the fun: Gosselin repented publicly in a Manhattan synagogue; Rabbi Shmuley Boteach urged Gosselin to break up with girlfriend Glassman; rumors of said breakup abounded after Glassman's account of Gosselin's "mantrums" last week on television; Glassman tweeted A LOT. (EXPRESS)

SCAPEGOATS

Paparazzi Also to Be Blamed for Wrinkles, Colic, Bad-Hair Days

NICOLE RICHIE and her children are getting some court-ordered space from a pair of paparazzi. A judge on Friday granted Richie's request for a temporary restraining order against the photographers. Her filing states that one of the men caused a car accident involv-



Photographers are the cause of all that ails Hollywood.

ing Richie in Beverly Hills earlier this month. The filing added that he and the other photographer continued to chase Richie and her children in the pursuit of shots. The men screamed at Richie "in an attempt to get a reaction" and have left the 28-year-old frightened for her family's safety. (AP)

LESSONS

Stalking's Not Funny, Even When It's Ryan Seacrest

A Los Angeles judge granted **RYAN SEACREST** a temporary restraining order Friday against a man arrested on suspicion of stalking Seacrest. The order was obtained hours after attorneys say Chidi Benjamin Uzomah Jr. was detained at the E! Entertainment Television headquarters. Uzomah is on probation for another incident involving the "American Idol" host — attacking one of his bodyguards. (AP)



Peter Graves has this to offer those who ask him to do "Oveur-Under."

CLASSICS

Yes, We Still Like Movies About Gladiators

PETER GRAVES, best known for his roles in the 1980 film spoof "Airplane!" and the TV series "Mission: Impossible," has been honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The 83-year-old actor attended the Los Angeles ceremony Friday with his wife, Joan, their children and their grandchildren. He called the honor "a red-letter day in my life." (AP)

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- 36 Wastebaskets
- 40 A neighbor of Niger
- 41 Rallying cry
- 42 Crash, so to speak
- 43 Empty boasting
- 47 Antenna
- 48 Reprinted collection
- 53 ___ and outs (particulars)
- 54 Where Rhett caught Scarlett fever
- 56 "With malice toward ___..." (Lincoln)
- 57 Athenian portico

59 Worn-again item

61 Passive-aggressive expression

62 Cookie treat

63 Locales

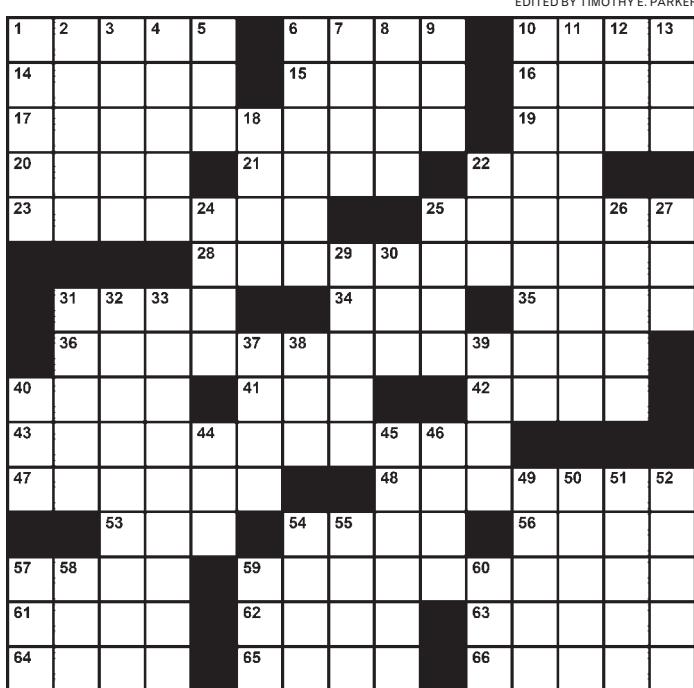
64 Vaulted church part

65 Academic's robe

66 ___ deux (dance for a duo)

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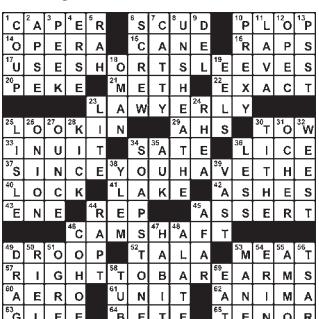
- 1 Palestinian leader Mahmoud
- 2 Italics feature
- 3 Erstwhile Ford
- 4 "Bitter" follower
- 5 This means nothing
- 6 Berber-speaking pastoralist
- 7 Ctrl+Z
- 8 "Watch your ___!"
- 9 Old TV knob abbr.
- 10 Regular customers
- 11 Energetic people
- 12 "Deathtrap" playwright Levin
- 13 Call a turkey?
- 18 Advantage
- 22 Powerful constrictor
- 24 "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" cad
- 25 Bass, treble or alto
- 26 "Cease, sailor!"
- 27 "But of course!"
- 29 Forty-third of 50
- 30 Word for a male superior
- 31 Oct. 31 goal
- 32 Knee-slapping



33 Arise
37 1,500-mile
Russian chain
38 Shropshire
individual
39 Material for a
sixth anniversary
present
40 Graduate
student's degree
41 Bass, treble or
alto
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toward ___..."
(Lincoln)
57 Athenian portico

49 It's called
Bharat by its
natives
50 Starts, as a
computer
51 Not yet hitched
52 Common thing?
54 Edible rootstock
55 With a clean slate
57 Masseur's place
58 Toy that spins
59 Take an unfair
share
60 Paranormal
power, briefly

Friday's Solution



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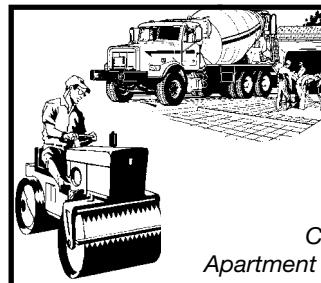
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Review the proposed project plans and the National Environmental Policy Act documentation at the public hearing or at City of Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 3200. You can also review the project information at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151, 703-383-8368 or on the City of Alexandria Web page at <http://alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=3520>. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

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